



Seattle Parks & Recreation

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Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation

Summer 2018 Programs

Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today.



Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

Registration

See back page for details on registering online, over the phone or in person at one of Seattle's environmental learning centers.

All programs led by trained Seattle Urban Nature Guides



Special Event

Writing in the Wild

Discovery Park

Ages: 14 and older **Fee:** \$8 per person

Walk some of the lesser known trails in Discovery Park, pausing every now and again to do some writing. Join Seattle Urban Nature Guide and writer, Tony Robinson, for this early summer outing. Tony will provide writing prompts that help us be attentive to and write in resonance to our natural surroundings. Those who wish will have a chance to share their work in a supportive setting. No previous experience as a writer necessary, but you might discover you enjoy it! Bring a pad and pencil/pen, a sack lunch or snack, and a camp chair or stool to perch on, if you prefer not to sit on the ground.

#182457 6/30/2018 Sat 10a.m. – 1p.m.



Tidepool Walks

Tidepool Investigations

Discovery Park North Beach

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Explore a great low tide with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide! Search for moon snails, crabs, sea anemones and more! Learn low tide survival strategies of intertidal plants and animals. Due to a long walk and rocky beach, this program is best suited to ages 6 and up. Meet at the Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center. **Dress for windy weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

#181135 7/14/2018 Sat 11a.m. – 1p.m.



Low Tide Beach Safari at Me-Kwa-Mooks

Emma Schmitz Viewpoint/

Me-Kwa-Mooks

Ages: 5 and older **Free**

Search for tidepool animals during some of the best low tides of the year. Learn a bit of beach ecology; decide which animal is the most colorful – a sea star, a sea anemone, or a sea slug. **Dress for windy weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

**#181873 7/15/2018 Sun
12:15p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

Tidepool Walks cont.

Exploring Tidepool Life

Carkeek Park Beach

All ages Free

Discover one of the most unique parts of the planet – tidepools! Explore Carkeek Beach with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide. Search for anemones, moon snails, and clams during a great low tide. Learn more about life in the Salish Sea. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. **Meet the nature guide at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot.**

#181075 7/28/2018 Sat 11a.m. – 12:30p.m.



Striped Sea Slug *Armina californicus* Photo by Elaine Chuang

Family Beach Day at Low Tide

Discovery Park South Beach

All ages Free

Explore the sandy South Beach at Discovery Park with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide and discover the world of sea stars, moon snails, sea anemones and clams. This walk is perfect for families with small children.

#181138 8/11/2018 Sat 10:15 – 11:45a.m.

Watershed Walks



Fishbone Bridge Longfellow Creek

Seattle Watershed Walks

Thornton Creek and Longfellow Creek

Ages: 55 and older

Fees: One session \$20 Both sessions \$32

What are the pathways through neighborhoods of all the urban creeks that feed the Puget Sound and Lake Washington? Do these pathways not only feed our large bodies of water but feed our lives as well? Discover urban watersheds and our connection to them with a Seattle Urban Naturalist.

Each walk, participants meet at a parking area and then travel by van to various sites.

#181597

7/19/2018 Thu 10a.m. – Noon

Thornton Creek Meet at Meadowbrook CC

8/16/2018 Thu 10a.m. – Noon

Longfellow Creek Meet at Camp Long



Kingfisher Natural Area Thornton Creek

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.